



# Pacific Fishery Management Council

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RE: A.4 Executive Director's Report

Dear Council Members:

The Executive Director's report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council, PFMC) typically provides information on Informational Reports, changes to Council membership, Advisory Body and Committee alternates that are in place for the current meeting, activities of staff and Council members that have occurred since the last meeting, and other updates not announced elsewhere that may warrant summarization.

## Council Roster

There have been several changes to the Council roster since the June Council meeting. The June Council meeting was Mr. Marc Gorelnik's final meeting as Chairman. I'd like to thank Marc for his steady hand and leadership through the last three years, which included the latter half of the COVID era, overseeing a change in staff leadership, and helping to guide the Council through some very difficult decisions. Mr. Brad Pettinger assumed the role of Chairman on August 11 and Mr. Pete Hassemer is our Vice Chairman.

## Informational Items

Several Informational Reports are included in your Briefing Book. These include:

- Informational Report 1: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Final Report on 2021-2022 Exempted Fishing Permit.
- Informational Report 2: Washington Department of fish and Wildlife Final Report on Exempted Fishery Permit Project to Conduct Enhanced Yelloweye Recreational Fishery Biological Sampling.
- Informational Report 3: 2021/ 2022 Final Report for the Emley Platt Exempted Fishing Permit & 2023/2024 Interim Report.
- Informational Report 4: Monterey Bay Regional Chilipepper Rockfish Final Exempted Fishing Permit Report 2021-2022.
- Informational Report 5: Marine Recreational Information Program Certification of West Coast Recreational Fishing Surveys

## Advisory Body Alternates

At the time of drafting this memo, we will have a few alternates at this meeting as indicated in the table below.

Advisory Body	Seat	Member name	Alternate name
GAP	At-Large	Scott Hartzell	George (Poggy) Lapham
HC	PSMFC	Fran Recht	Stan Allen
HC	Sport Fisheries	Leonard Krug	Randy Brummett
GMT	CDFW	Mel Mandrup	Thompson Banez

### **Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees**

Christian Heath has been appointed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife position of the Groundfish Management Team; Mr. Clayton Wraith to the Commercial Troll position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel; and Mr. Chris Oliver to the Parliamentarian position on the Council.

### **Updates to Council Rules and Procedures**

Following your direction at our last meeting, we have made updates to Council Operating Procedures, the Intent to Serve Form, and we have created and posted new Advisory Body Ground Rules (see [Rules and Procedures](#)). Per recent Council discussions, these updates are intended to help ensure a respectful workplace during meetings hosted by the Council. We continue to make progress on the remaining matters and will alert the Council when we are prepared for additional discussions.

### **Select Activities of Staff and Council Leadership**

Since our June meeting a few items of note have occurred on the part of staff and Council members that are outlined here.

- Conversations between National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the regional Councils have been taking place concerning funding from the Inflation Reduction Act. NMFS proposed distributing an initial \$2 million to the 8 Councils in the October-December fiscal period. The Council Executive Directors proposed an initial distribution of \$6 million. Conversations will continue to take place ahead of our September Council meeting.
- At the May Council Coordination Committee meeting, Janet Coit offered to help establish a dialog between the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and PFMC leadership concerning west coast salmon and water quality. Mr. Marc Gorelnik has led several communications that have intended to bring CEQ up to speed on these matters, including the Council's historic perspective.

### **General Information**

The declared COVID health emergency is over; however, we are continuing to provide COVID protocols within the "General Information" materials in your Briefing Book. We encourage everyone to bring masks and tests to the meeting in case they are needed. We will have a limited supply available within the ballroom and Secretariat.

A Chair's Reception is planned for Saturday, September 9 at 6 pm. A flyer is included within the General Information section of your Briefing Book.

Sincerely,



Merrick J. Burden  
Executive Director

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